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TOPIC KOUTHUM Airfield	
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Forty single-engine aircraft, nine Boston-IIIs and seven biplanes were counted at the HOETFEN (1 52/D 95) airfield.

7 October 1949

Forty-six single-engine aircraft, eleven Boston-IIIs and four biplones were observed at the field.

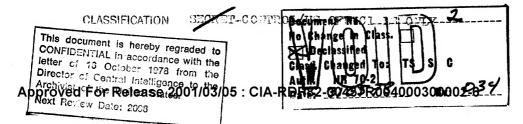
- Description of single-engine aircraft: Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, two-seat, one machine gun firing from cockpit to the rear, one cannon under each wing and presumably one cannon firing through the propeller hub。
- From the arrangement of planes at the field it is concluded that five or six squadrons are stationed there. There was intensive flying on both days, including formation flying and low-level attacks at the field as well as firing at sleeve targets, and air combat . "ork was being done at night hangars. 25X1C

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The following aircraft were parked outside the hangars on the landing field of the KOETHEM airfield: Twenty-one single-engine aircraft with red propeller hub, twelve twin-engine bombers and eight twin-engine transports. The DECCAU (1: 52/ E 06) power plant, between 10 and 13 October 1949, had to lay connection lines for eight heating generators which were to start the power plants in the hangars, occurred to capacity by single-engine aircraft.



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the fuel dump at the airfield main entrance on the road to EDERITZ (1 52/0 95).

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- 7. No jet aircraft were parked at the field. The following alreraft types were seen:
 - a. About fifteen Yak fighters with in-line engine.
 - b. Thirteen IL-10 ground attack aircraft.
 - c. Four twin-engine monoplanes. Double radial engine with rump, angular wings, single rudder assembly, elevator assembly in dihedral, nose wheel, glazed cockpit with cannon and rear gunner's station.
 - d. About 10 biplanes.
- 8. It was observed that air force officers at the field wore parachute insignia.

25X1A Comment:

- a. The above information, supplied by three sources, concordantly reports the occupation of the KOLTHEN I airfield by 4-20s. It is therefore assumed that the air reconnaissance regiment equipped with A-20s and Vak-3s is still stationed there.
- c. The information in mara 5 a cording to which the hangars are occupied to capacity by aircraft cannot be judged for lack of comparable reports. It is, however, possible that, besides those counted at the field, other places were parked in the hangars.
- d. This is the first information on officers at the KOETHEN airfield wearing parachute insignia. The insigna is identical to one observed in JUETERBOG and described in a previous report*. The presence of a parachute unit has not been confirmed.

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